

WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 02

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Having now completed our first full week, we are all beginning to settle in to our school routines. **A reminder that our school day now finishes at 3.25pm and gates will be open at 3.20pm. School start remains the same at 8.55am but the school gates open at 8.45am, to give staff time to set up and be ready to receive the children.**

Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone for learning. We encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform and follow rules regarding jewellery, hair and school shoes. We do ask that pupils wear our school colours but are not required to have our school logo. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE days (school colours please and no sport logos) and bring their games kit and forest school kits according to the class timetables.

Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform on the right days and remain smart, safe and comfortable.

School Playing Field

The school playing field remains open after school but we ask politely that you supervise your children when they are in the park and respect our school grounds. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school maintains its upkeep. While school clubs are running, we ask that your children only play in the play equipment area, cones will be in place.

Parent Induction Evening Monday 11th September

Thank you to everyone who attended our induction meetings on Monday. If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoints are available on the website.

STAR After School Club

Star club started again this week for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Just to remind you we have two after school sessions. The first session runs from 3.25pm until 4.30pm Monday to Friday and the second session runs from 4.30pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday. We continue to run our 'In Shape for School' for Year 1-6 every morning from 8am and Breakfast Club for Nursery and Reception. If you would like to sign up for any of our after-school sessions, you need to use our online booking system, iPAL, unless your child is in Nursery when you will need a booking form.

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked just after registration, where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child knows this information, so that the staff can ensure that they can be dismissed to the correct club. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session, please let the office know.

Walking Home

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car, if you provide a letter. We ask parents to risk assess the walk carefully and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child from walking alone when the evenings become darker.

Parents Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evenings in October this year, to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents' Evenings will take place on :

Monday 23rd October 2023	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)
Tuesday 24th October 2023	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)

You can book using our online system from October 9th.

These meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

As with our induction evening, we strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Assemblies

Learning Assemblies 9.00am	
Autumn Term 2023	
Thursday 5th October	Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Learning Assembly
Thursday 12th October	Year 5 and Year 6 Kingswood Assembly
Thursday 19th October	Nursery and Reception Harvest Assembly
Thursday 26th October	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
Half Term	
Thursday 9th November	Reception Wright Assembly
Thursday 16th November	Year 1/ Year 4 Wright
Thursday 23rd November	Year 2/Year 5 Wright
Thursday 30th November	Year 3/ Year 6 Wright
Friday 8th December	Breakfast with Father Christmas AM (TBC) Children's Christmas Fair- PM (TBC)

Christmas Performances	
Monday 11th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Tuesday 12th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Wednesday 13th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 2.00pm
Thursday 14th December	Reception Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Friday 15th December	Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am

Parking

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or at road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from the Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your co-operation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the school office for more information or speak to your child's class teacher. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the school library. We really need your help so any free time would be greatly appreciated.

House Captains

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who were voted in as House Captains on Monday. Pupils were divided into house groups, with each house gathering in a KS2 classroom, to listen to the speeches of the candidates who wishes to be considered for this important role. The votes were cast, counted, verified and the results are as follow:

Davenport

House Captains – Leo/Bella Vice House Captains – Freddie/Dexter

Wright

House Captains – Lola/Harriet Vice House Captains – Lexi/Teddy

Owen

House Captains – Izzy/Griffin Vice House Captains – Maisie/Esme

Higgs

House Captains – Eliza/Zach Vice House Captains – Ben/George/Bea

Well done to all our Year 6s who took part in this important democratic process and good luck to our new House Captains, as they take up their new roles.

School Council

On Thursday our dinner hall was transformed into a polling station. Children from all classes were given the opportunity to exercise their democratic right, in order to elect their Class Council representatives. We talked how this related to the British Value of Democracy. I am delighted to announce that the School Council Representatives 2023 - 2024 are:

Reception: Sienna and George.

Year 1: Minnie and Arthur.

Year 2: Lottie and Kaitlyn.

Year 3: Luca and Grace.

Year 4: Henry and Carly-May.

Year 5: Jess and Otis.

Year 6: Ellie and Evie.

Next Tuesday, last year's representatives will meet with the new Council to hand over the reins.

Mrs Cowley (School Council Lead).

Parent Information Sheet

You should have now received your parent information sheet from your class teacher.

Welford Wrigglers

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 20th September from 9.15am-11.15am.

Picture News:

This week's story: In Canada, the Government in the province of Ontario, is set to pass a new law that would make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.

Question: Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?

Reflection: Time spent on water can be unpredictable and dangerous. It is important that we understand how we can keep ourselves and other people safe.

British Value connected to this story: Mutual Respect and Rule of Law

Protected Characteristic: Age

UN Rights of a Child: Best interest of the child. All adults should do what is best for children. An adult may give us rules to keep us safe.

'Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter' so that you can continue this conversation at home.

Wellness @ Welford Information

Warwickshire Family Information Services

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a uniform recycling shop in Leamington, fire safety advice, an Act on Energy event and much more!

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=b0d644fb06>

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to our Facebook to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Leeman and Staff

TAKEHOME

Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



In the news this week

In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that will make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats. Parents, guardians, or other adults supervising children could be subject to a fine of up to \$200 (£130) if they do not comply. In the UK, currently, there is no legal requirement for anyone using rivers and seas for leisure purposes to wear a lifejacket/personal flotation device (PFD).

Things to talk about at home...

- Share your experience of lifejackets. Have you ever been required to wear one? Where were you? Did everyone wear them?
- Can you make a list of all the times you think lifejackets should be worn?
- Do you feel there should be laws in place to ensure people wear lifejackets on boats at sea? If so, do you believe they should apply to everyone?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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